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CHAPTER 16

THESE ARE THE MEMBERS YOU'LL SEE A LOT IN THIS VOLUME AND THE NEXT.
IT WAS REALLY HARD TO DRAW THEM ALL EASY ENOUGH TO TELL APART.

PRINCIPALITY OF BELEVIS, THE CAPITAL LIBERTA
YOU CANNOT! THAT'S DISRESPECTFUL, EVEN FOR YOU, MASTER ROBERT!
I DON'T CARE! LET ME THROUGH!
STOMP STOMP
BUT HIS HIGHNESS IS BUSY WITH HIS OFFICIAL DUTIES-
BANG
WHAT'S THE MEANING OF THIS, YOU ROTTEN OLD MAN?!

DON'T "WHAT IS IT?" ME!
YOU CRUSHED MY INFOR-MATION ROUTE!
Creak
WHAT IS IT, STUPID SON OF MINE?
YOU'RE SO NOISY
THANKS TO THAT, I DIDN'T NOTICE AT ALL WHAT HAP-PENED
DAMN..
IF I KNEW THAT'S HOW IT IS, THEN I WOULD HAVE NEVER AP-PROVED OF SENDING IKUTA AND THE OTHERS TO DEIRIA!
THAT CITY IS NOW-

WHAT ?!
THEY'LL HAVE THE CHANCE TO TOUCH A LEGEND
THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THINGS ON THEIR OWN
SO WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?
WELL, IF EVERYTHING PROCEEDS ACCORDINGLY, THEY SHOULD BE AROUND ORPHES RIGHT NOW
...
OR ARE YOU GOING TO TELL OUR OPPONENTS, THE ALBADEEN EMPIRE TO WAIT?
BY THE WAY, STUPID SON OF MINE
WERE YOU THE TYPE WHO GETS SEA-SICK?
WHAT?

THE WEST OF THE GOD-BLESSED CONTINENT OF GRANDOR
AN ISOLATED ISLAND SLOWLY CARVING THE HISTORY OF DEITEROUS
THE CITY-STATE OF DEIRIA
Splash-Splash
Patter, pat
THIS IS

Huff
PEOPLE SEEK ITS INTELLI-GENCE AND INFORMATION FOR THEIR OWN PROFIT
FROM BANDITS TO NOBLEMEN, THEY ALL HEAD FOR THIS ISOLATED ISLAND
AND HERE, WE ALSO FIND
SOME PIRATES, ALSO HEADING FOR DEIRIA
Splash
IS THAT DEIRIA?
YEAH
WE FINALLY SEE OUR DESTINA-TION!

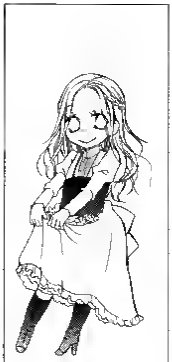
THEIR SEA-VOYAGE, STARTED IN THE PRINCIPALITY OF BELEUS, LEAD THEM WEST
Wow!
AND NOW THEY'VE REACHED ORPHES, THE LAST POST-TOWN BEFORE DEIRIA.
BUT WHY AREN'T WE GOING DIRECTLY TO DEIRIA?
Even though it's so close?
Deiria
BECAUSE OF THE SEA-CURRENTS UNLESS WE START PRECISELY HERE, WE WON'T REACH IT
It's strange but true.
Orphes
ALSO, THERE'S INFORMATION TRADE HERE, TOO, SO THIS PLACE ATTRACTS ALL SORTS OF PEOPLE
IN ORPHES, WE ALSO NEED TO GET A PERMISSION TO DOCK
EH, SO IT'S A BARRIER STATION, TOO?
WELL, MORE OR LESS
REALIZE
BUT THEN.. WILL THEY LET US PASS?
WILL THEY?
He-he-heh!
WELL, FOR THAT WE HAVE..

It's not a fake, right.?
Probably not
THE DUKE OF BELEVIS GAVE IT TO US BEFORE WE LEFT
Oh, DOCKING PERMIT!
TA-DAA! THIS!
AHH WE'RE FINALLY HERE
DID YOU GUYS KNOW?
THERE'S A STORY HOW LONG AGO, ONE PIRATE CAME TO DEIRIA AND HID THERE A HUUUGE TREASURE
WHATEVER, LET'S HURRY AND GO GET OUR PERMISSION!
FLY
DESPITE EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED, WE'RE HERE
SO WE ARE
Where's your sense of romantic adventure!!
WE'RE SAVING IT FOR LATER!

I WONDER IF IT REALLY EXISTS...
A LEAD TO THE "MERMAID'S TEAR"
WELL, I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO FINDING OUT.
YEAH
WHAT?!
SEA BLOCK-ADE?!!

HEY, HEY, HEY, HOW'S THAT?!
WE EVEN HAVE A DOCKING PERMIS-SION!!
I TOLD YOU, IT DOESN'T MATTER YOU CAN'T GO TO DEIRIA
WHY?!
WHO KNOWS?
TWO MONTHS AGO, THE HEAD OF STATE OF DEIRIA, LORD MACMILLAN, ISSUED THE OFFI-CIAL NOTICE.
IT SAID FOR THE TIME BEING, DO NOT LET PEOPLE FROM THE CONTINENT GET ANYWHERE NEAR US
THAT'S
...THEN THEN, WHAT ABOUT THIS?!
WE'LL BULLDOZE OUR WAY IN!!
YOU CAN'T
Cut out the funny stuff

NO WAY
IF YOU TRY FROM THE OFFICIAL FRONT ROUTE YOU'LL FALL VICTIM TO THEIR FLEET ESCORT FORCE
IF YOU TRY FROM THE OTHER SIDES YOU'LL FALL VICTIM TO THE REEFS
FOR THE TIME BEING WE'LL STAY AND OBSERVE THE SITUATION FOR TWO OR THREE DAYS.
A STUMBLING-BLOCK
CAN THIS REALLY SOLVE THE PROB-LEM?
IN TRUTH, THE AREA AROUND DEWIA IS A SHIP GRAVEYARD
SO YOU CAN EITHER GIVE UP AND TRY ANOTHER TIME OR SERIOUSLY CUES YOUR ENTHUSIASM AND WAIT
GLOMP
Oh
IS THAT THEIR FLEET ESCORT FORCE ?
PATTER
AT THE VERY LAST STEP...



LIZA

LIZA MACMILLAN

LIGHT BROWN HAIR EYE COLOR VARIES

OVERALL, I HAVE AN IMAGE OF SWEET SOFT COLORS FOR HER

SHE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE 14 YEARS OLD, BUT I THINK SHE CAME OUT YOUNGER SLIGHTLY DROOPY EYES

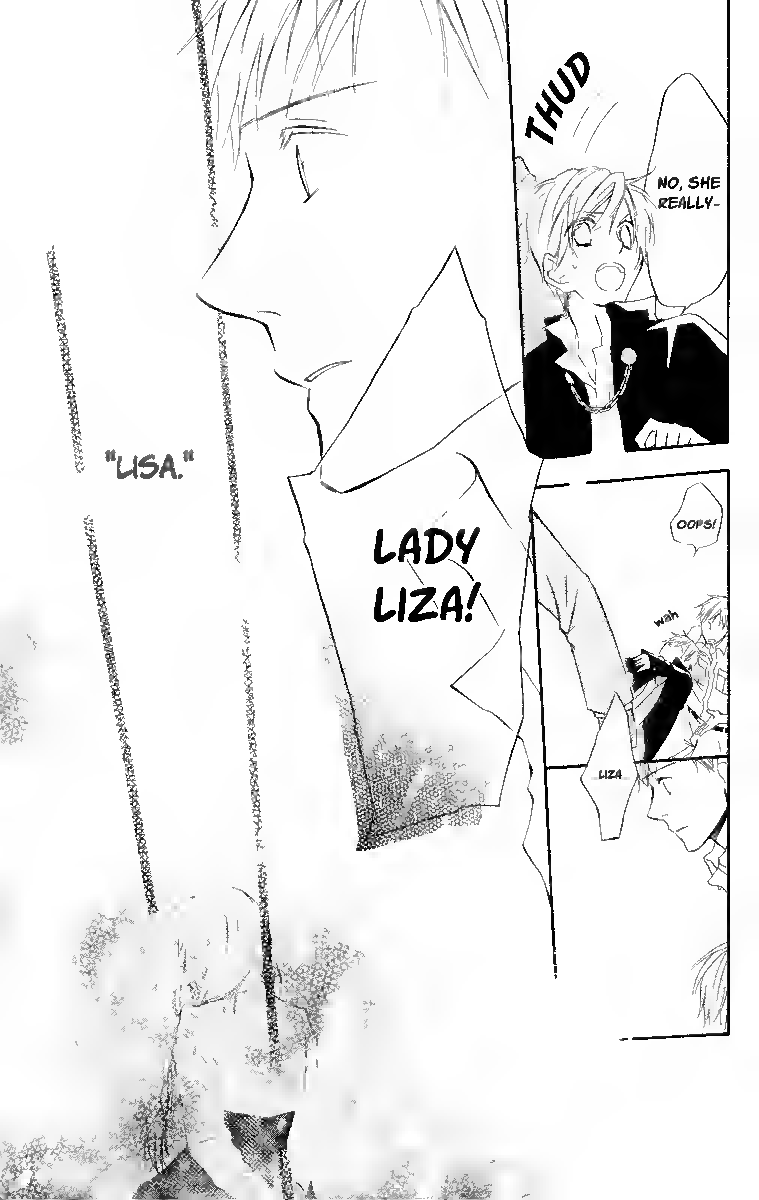
A LITTLE SMALLER THAN HISUI LORD MACMILLAN'S ONLY DAUGHTER I WANT TO DRESS HER IN SOMETHING CUTER BUT MY SENSE OF STYLE AND THE AGE DON'T MATCH SO.

ABOUT THE NAME I HAD TWO VERSIONS DURING THE PLANNING STAGE OF THE PLOT, BUT DUE TO PLOT RELATED CIRCUMSTANCES, I HAD TO CHOOSE THIS ONE I OFTEN CALL HER "MY LADY"

HOLD THAT MONKEY!
Huff /huff
Ehm YOU'RE THE OWNER?
N-NO..
IT TOOK THAT BROOCH FROM ME..
AH, THIS?
HERE
Huff
I'M SO GLAD..

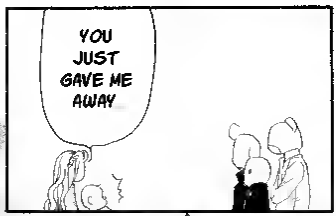
Ah, it escaped!
Patter
I JUST ARRIVED HERE TODAY.
I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU BEFORE.
DO YOU WANT TO GO TO DEIRIA, TOO?
I DO, BUT...
YOU CAN'T.
IT'S A MEMENTO FROM MOM.
SHE MUST BE FROM THIS PORT.
EH?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN-
BECAUSE NOW IT'S NO LONGER-
THERE YOU ARE, KISUI!!

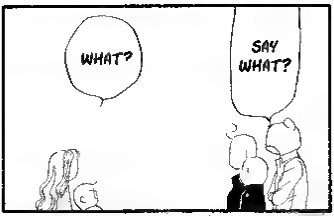
OH, YOU'RE PICKING UP GIRLS?
DON'T PUT ME IN YOUR CATEGORY, JEAN
JEAN,
IKUTA.
AH DON'T SEPARATE YOURSELF ANYMORE!
EVEN AT THE BEST OF TIMES, THIS TOWN IS TEEMING WITH PEOPLE
THIS GIRL JUST-
I'M GOING! THANKS
AH, WAIT!
WHAT IS IT?
SHE KNEW SOMETHING ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON AT DEIRIA
!
NO WAY!


THUD
NO, SHE REALLY-
"LISA."
LADY LIZA!
OOPS!
wah
LIZA

KYAH!
JOSH?!
I WAS LOOKING FOR YOU, MY LADY LIZA!
I TOOK MY EYES OFF YOU FOR A SECOND AND YOU DISAP-PEARED!
I WAS SO WORRIED SOMETHING MIGHT HAPPEN...
I JUST WENT FOR A LITTLE WALK
WHAT'S "LITTLE!" AH, YOU MUST BE COLD..
WHAT'S WITH THAT MAN?
WHO KNOWS?
But he's bad news, from my point of view.
SHE MUST BE SOME ARIS-TOCRAT'S DAUGHTER...
IKUTA..?
I TOLD YOU, I'M ALL RIGHT!
NO, NO! DIDN'T I JUST FIND YOU WITH THOSE SUSPICIOUS RUFFIANS?!

THEY KNOW YOU ARE THE ONLY PRECIOUS DAUGHTER OF THE HEAD OF STATE OF DEIRIA LORD MACMILLAN AND THEY'LL BECOME VIOLENT
That's right! There can't be any mistake!
Ah
AND NOW-
KUFFIAWS?!


YOU JUST GAVE ME AWAY

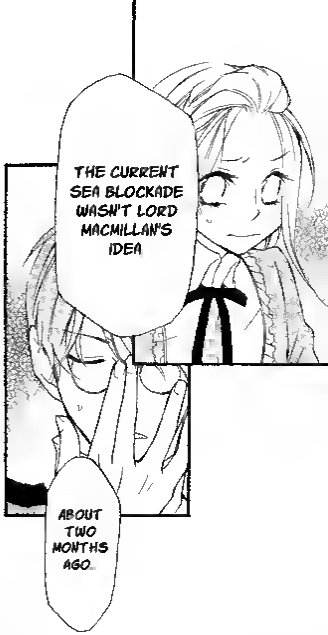

WHAT?
SAY WHAT?

ECK?!!
EXCUSE ME FOR WHAT JUST HAP-PENED
Cough

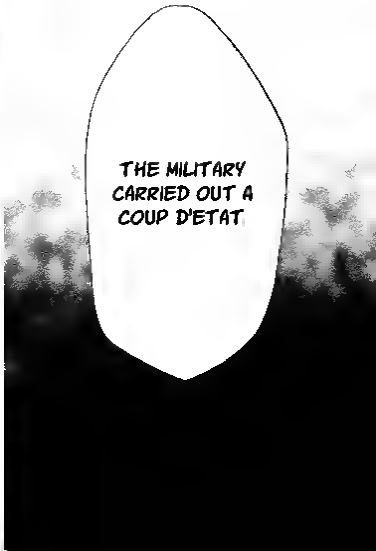
AND I AM GRIFFITH, DOMESTIC AFFAIRS AIDE
I'm mostly in charge of the lady's upbringing.
SHARP
AH, THANKS FOR THE HONOR
bow bow
Domm
He's different from before
THIS IS THE DAUGHTER OF LORD MACMILLAN THE EIGHTH,
LADY LIZA MACMILLAN
SO SHE REALLY WAS A LADY...
Hey! What's this vase?!
WHAT WOULD YOU SAY
TO A DINNER AS COMPEN-SATION
RATHER THAN THAT,
I WANT TO ASK SOME-THING
WHAT MIGHT THAT BE?

I WANT TO KNOW WHY LORD MACMILLAN PUT UP A SEA BLOCKADE
HOW CAN YOU ASK SO STRAIGHT?!
WAH-WAH--WAH!
ONE STONE'S THROW AWAY FROM TROUBLE.
A BLOCKADE IS NO PEACEFUL THING, AND YET HIS ONLY DAUGHTER IS HERE, ON ORPHES,
IT'S WEIRD, DON'T YOU THINK?
JOSH!
THAT'S BE-CAUSE-
NO, MY LADY.
THESE GENTLEMEN TOO HAVE A GOAL. THAT'S WHY THEY'RE HEADED FOR DEIRIA
OUR SILENCE WON'T SERVE ANYTHING

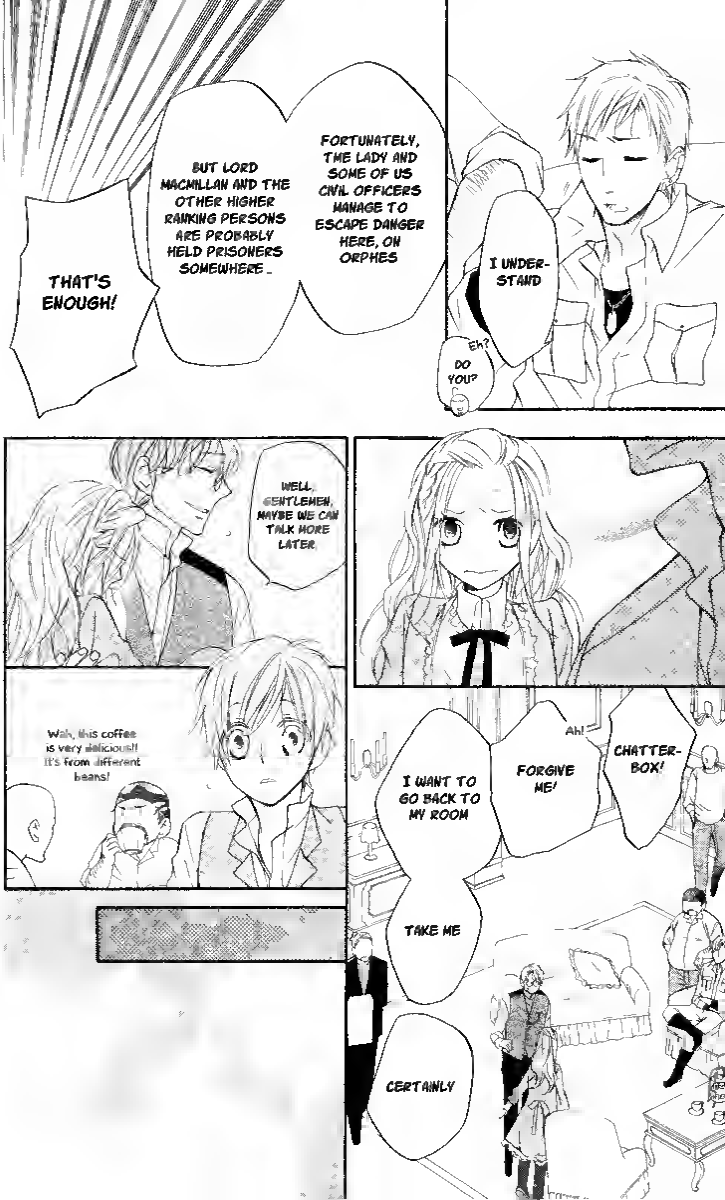
AIDE GRIFFITH!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?!
WHAT?!
GOOD JOB KEEPING THIS NEWS FROM LEAKING OUT.
WE JUST STOPPED ALL TRAFFIC BETWEEN US AND THE CONTINENT
IT SEEMS TO BE WORKING


THE CURRENT SEA BLOCKADE WASN'T LORD MACMILLAN'S IDEA
ABOUT TWO MONTHS AGO.

WHAT'S THE MILITARY AFTER?
IT'S ONLY MY THEORY, BUT...


THE MILITARY CARRIED OUT A COUP D'ETAT.

IT'S PROBABLY AN INTERNAL DEIRIAN POWER STRUGGLE.
THE MILITARY OFFICERS HAVE BEEN DISSATISFIED THAT THEIR AUTHORITY NOWADAYS IS MUCH MORE LIMITED THAN IT ORIGINALLY USED TO BE.
AUTHORITY?
AND THAT'S ALL..?
CHUCKLE
That's right.
HOWEVER, THE INFORMATION WE HANDLE HAS A BEARING ON THE ECONOMY, POLITICS, MILITARY AFFAIRS AND HISTORY OF OTHER COUNTRIES
AT TIMES, IT MAY SERVE AS A POTENT WEAPON TO MATCH THE MILITARY MIGHT OF THE COUNTRIES THAT ARE GREAT POWERS
ACCORDING TO THE WAY IT IS USED,
IT CAN EASILY START A LARGE WAR
GENERATIONS OF OUR POLITICAL LEADERS HAVE CONSIDERED CREATING DISBALANCE ON THE CONTINENT A BAD MOVE
BUT THE MILITARY WANTS TO EXPLOIT ITS FULL POTENTIAL AS A MILITARY STRATEGY
Sounds complicated


THAT'S ENOUGH!
BUT LORD MACMILLAN AND THE OTHER HIGHER RANKING PERSONS ARE PROBABLY HELD PRISONERS SOMEWHERE..
FORTUNATELY, THE LADY AND SOME OF US CIVIL OFFICERS MANAGE TO ESCAPE DANGER HERE, OH ORPHEE
I UNDER-STAND
EH? DO YOU?
WELL, GENTLEMEN, MAYBE WE CAN TALK MORE LATER
Wah, this coffee is very delicious!! It's from different beans!
CHATTER-BOX!
Ah! FORGIVE ME!
I WANT TO GO BACK TO MY ROOM
TAKE ME
CERTAINLY

IT'S ABOUT MUCH MORE THAN INFORMATION ABOUT THE "MERMAID'S TEAR"
Sigh,
THIS SMELLS LIKE TROUBLE
SHOULD WE REPORT THIS TO THE DUKE OF BELEVIS?
I THINK THAT SLY OLD FOX ALREADY KNOWS
About everything.
AHHH...
Well
IT PROBABLY MEANS HE'S CONFIDENT HE CAN SUPPRESS THE NEWS
Eh? Can he?
WHAT IF WE WERE TO SPILL THE BEANS?
He broke us into silence, but still.
BUT HOW COME THAT SERVANT JUST BLURTED OUT TO US ALL THAT?

THIS TIME I GOT TO DRAW AN EXTRA MANGA AT THE END OF THE VOLUME, SO THIS COLUMN IS THE LAST FREETALK FROM ME

AGAIN, I COUNTED ON MANY PEOPLE FOR SUPPORT DURING THE MAKING AND PUBLISHING OF THIS VOLUME

AS USUALLY, I WORRIED AND RAN IN CIRCLES, BUT I'LL DO MY BEST SO THAT WE CAN MEET AGAIN! THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH!

KUCHI TATSUYA
I'LL BE HAPPY TO HEAR YOUR IMPRESSIONS!

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KANDA-AWAJI-CHOU 2-2-2

HAKUSENSHA HANA TO YUME
EDITORIAL KUCHI TATSUYA

"LISA"
TAP
WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT I'D HEAR THIS NAME IN SUCH A PLACE
IT'S NOT AN UNUSUAL NAME, BUT IT KIND OF CAUGHT ME OFF-GUARD
CREAK
ARE YOU WORRIED?
OF COURSE.
LEAN
DON'T STAY TOO CLOSE TO THE WINDOW
IKUTA
EVER SINCE THEN

EHM...
SAY...
SINCE THAT TIME
WHAT?
HE LOOKS BEWILDERED
WHY?
IS IT?
NOTHING IT'S NOTHING.
FOR SOME REASON, I CAN'T ASK HIM.
LOOK...
AHH, A SHIP.
THAT ROUTE...

ISN'T IT HEADED TOWARDS DEIRIA?
NO! WHAT RUDE-NESS!
HOW DARE THEY IGNORE THE DUKE OF SURING, FORFIELD!
I CAN'T BEAR THIS ANYMORE! I WILL ENTER DIRECTLY!
CHATTER-CHATTER
HA-HA-HA-HA!
CHATTER-CHATTER-CHATTER
AH! GENTLE-MEN!
MR. GRIFFITH, WHAT IN THE WORLD-
LOOKS LIKE AN ARISTOCRAT WHO RAN OUT OF PATIENCE SET SAIL.
BUT IF HE HEADS THERE...

SPEED
IF YOU TRY FROM THE OTHER SIDES,
YOU'LL FALL VICTIM TO THE REEFS
IF YOU TRY FROM THE OFFICIAL FRONT ROUTE,
YOU'LL FALL VICTIM TO THEIR FLEET ESCORT FORCE
TURN TO THE SIDE AND FORM A LINE
YES!
THEY'RE RUNNING PARALLEL? WON'T THEY SHOOT?
NO WAY!
NO...
THEY PROB-ABLY...
BREAK

CLACK
HA-HA-HA-HA-HA!
LOOK, THEY CAN'T DO ANYTHING! IT'S ALL THAT CITY-STATE ELEGANCE!
EVEN IF THEY TRY TO APPEAR SMART, THEY CAN'T DO ANYTHING AGAINST THE AUTHORITY OF-
What..?
CLACK
CLACK
CLACK
AIM FOR THE FOREMAST AND MAIN MAST!
DO NOT HIT THE HULL!
FINISH LOADING!
STAND BACK!!
FIRE!!!
BANG
BANG
BANG

CREAK
CREAK
CREAK
AMAZ-ING...
INSTANT IMMOBILIZA-TION...
THEY HAVE NO MERCY...
Eck
!
LOOK, THE SHIP IS DRIFT-ING...
UGH...
?!
COLLAPSE
HYAAAA AAAAA!!
BANG
CRACK
CRACK

ECK! SAVE ME!
SPLASH
SAVE ME, PLEASE!
SPLASH
SPLASH
BANG
CRASH
CRASH
CRASH
IT WILL CRASH!
ARREST EVERYONE FOR ATTEMPTED TRESPASSING
LOWER THE BOATS!
YES!
IN THE END,
THEY WERE VICTIM TO BOTH THE REEFS AND THE FLEET...
IN THAT FLEET, THAT SHIP AND ITS CAPTAIN ARE SPECIAL.
!
THAT WAS...
DEIRA'S FLEET ESCORT FORCE.

STRIDE
CAPTAIN NICOLAS TRAD
DEIRIA ACCEPTED HIM AS AN IMMIGRANT TEN YEARS AGO AND HE MADE A CAREER AT A REMARKABLE SPEED
RETURN TO OUR POST
YES!
IT'S THEIR FRONT RUNNER, THE HILDEGARDE
IT GATHERS THE MOST ELITE CREW AMONG ALL ESCORT VESSELS
AND IT'S UNDER THE COMMAND OF...

NOW NOBODY KNOWS THE SEA-CURRENTS IN THESE PARTS MORE THOR-OUGHLY THAN HIM.
HE HAS LORD MACMILLAN'S ABSOLUTE TRUST
SO LORD MACMILLAN PICKED HIM UP
HIS HOME-COUNTRY LOST ITS POWER DUE TO INTERNAL SPLITTING AND WAS DESTROYED
IMMI-GRANT?
HE WAS THE RINGLEADER OF THE COUP D'ETAT...
AND THIS IS JUST MY SPECULA-TION, BUT...
KIND OF LIKE CAPTAIN KREUTZER
Elites eh?
Yeah
IT'S BEEN TWO MONTHS SINCE THAT HAPPENED
..!

STEP
IT'S POSSIBLE THAT
LORD MACMILLAN IS NOT AMONG THE L-
MY FATHER ?
LADY LIZA!
NICO..
DID THAT TO MY FATHER ?
A LIE!
MY LADY, WHAT I MEANT WAS-
THAT'S A LIE!
BECAUSE NICO IS-
...

I'M GOING AFTER HER!
DASH
MY LADY!
HEY...
IF THAT YOUNG MASTER THE CAPTAIN IS THE MAS-TERMIND
IS HIS GOAL REALLY EXPANSION OF THE ARMY'S AUTHORITY?
Right
I'm going to look for them too.
WHA-
WHAT TO DO NOW...?!
HE'S REALLY A CHATTERBOX
Is he all r ght in the head?

I CANNOT KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON IN HIS HEAD
HOW-EVER,
LOSING YOUR COUNTRY MEANS LOSING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS AND LOVERS...
LOSING YOUR PLACE TO BELONG TO
CHATTER-CHATTER
YOU OF ALL PEOPLE
SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT VERY WELL, DON'T YOU?
I'M SORRY!
Ah!
I DIDN'T MEAN TO PRY INTO YOUR PAST-
NO...

IF THIS KEEPS UP,
WE WILL LOSE THE TRUST OF COUNTRIES WE USED TO BE IN FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH
I'M THINKING OF TAKING THE LADY AWAY FROM ORPHES IN THE NEAR FUTURE
...
HIDE GRIFFITH!
YES?
WELL, EXCUSE ME NOW

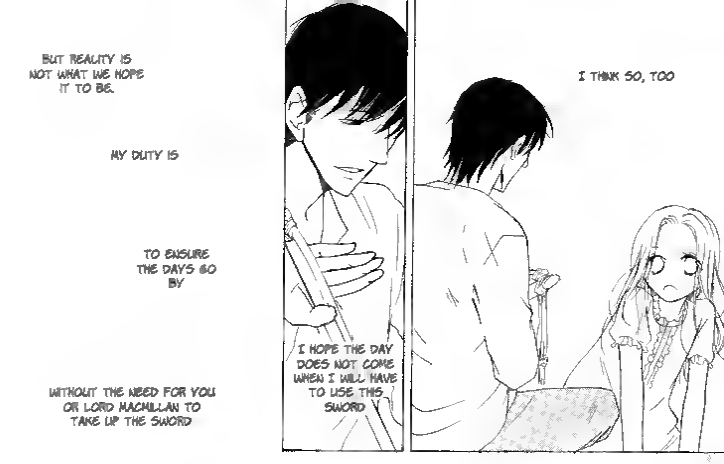
I NEED TO CATCH UP WITH HER.
WHEN I MOVE TOO MUCH I TEND TO GET LOST
NOT THAT I CAN DO ANYTHING ABOUT HER, BUT...
AH?
I THINK I ALREADY PASSED THIS PLACE ONCE
!
BUT HOW DO I APPROACH HER?
THERE SHE IS!

GLOMP
KYAAA!
EH?!
WAH!
WAH!
OUCH...
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM, REALLY...
REACH
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
KII!
KII!
YOU'RE TOO MUCH!
YOU SHOULD BE MORE CAREFUL, TOO
SOMEONE MUST REALLY TEACH THIS ONE NOT TO GRAB THINGS!

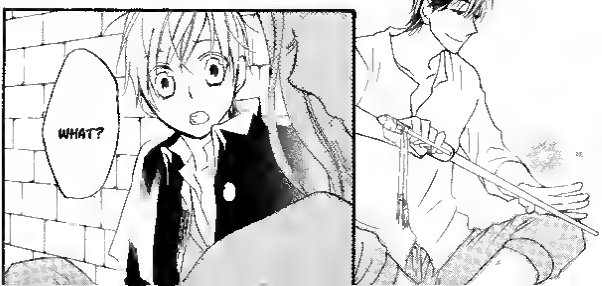
WHAT A SURPRISE.
I'M SURE IT'S LONELY WITHOUT ITS FRIENDS
ARE THERE MANY MONKEY OF THIS SPECIES AROUND HERE?
NO
I THINK IT PROBABLY CAME ON SOME SHIP
OH?
SHE'S HANGING TOGETHER PRETTY WELL.
YOU CAME LOOKING FOR ME, RIGHT?
NICO IS...
THAT SEA-CAPTAIN?
NICO IS...
Ha-hah.
JOSH IS NOT INTERESTED IN SUCH THINGS
BUT YOU'RE LIKE NICO

LET ME INTRODUCE YOU.
NICE TO MEET YOU.
ON LAND, HE WAS SOMETHING LIKE MY GUARDIAN
MY LADY
I FIRST MET HIM WHEN HE WAS STILL A NEWBIE NAVY SAILOR.
...
Back when?
Because he was younger
YOU KNOW, HIS FACE WAS MUCH CUTER BACK THEN!
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO SERVING YOU, MY LADY
Wait just a moment
Read me a book.
HE WAS REALLY KIND
HE SERVED A CHILD LIKE ME WITHOUT SHOWING ANY AVERSION TO THE DUTY

BUT A SWORD IS MADE TO HURT PEOPLE WITH!
IT'S MORE IMPORTANT TO ME THAN ANYTHING.
LORD MACMILLAN GRANTED IT TO ME.
WHAT, POLISHING YOUR SWORD AGAIN?
WHY ARE YOU PRACTICING HOW TO HURT PEOPLE?
LET'S SEE..
AH! YOU'RE MAKING FUN OF ME!
HA-HAH! YOU'RE SO SMART, LADY LIZA.


BUT REALITY IS NOT WHAT WE HOPE IT TO BE.
MY DUTY IS
TO ENSURE THE DAYS GO BY
WITHOUT THE NEED FOR YOU OR LORD MACMILLAN TO TAKE UP THE SWORD
I HOPE THE DAY DOES NOT COME WHEN I WILL HAVE TO USE THIS SWORD
I THINK SO, TOO

BUT ONE DAY
HE'S EXTREMELY TALENTED, BUT THERE'S THE PROBLEM OF HIS BIRTHPLACE...
I FOUND OUT


THAT IS WHY I TAKE THE SWORD
AND I'M PREPARED TO USE IT FOR THAT
WHAT?

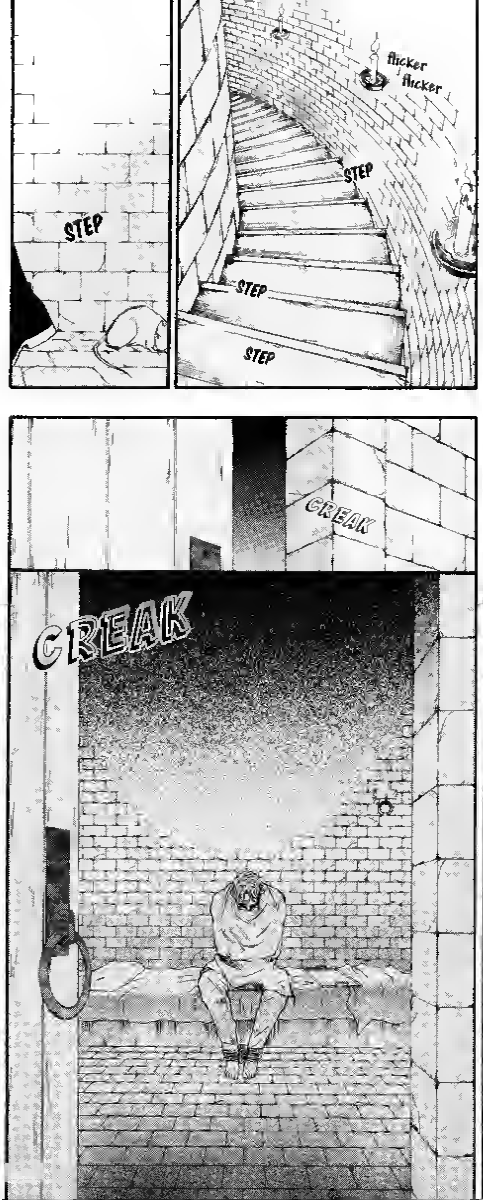
EVER SINCE THEN
I'VE BEEN THINKING
...!
NICO'S COUNTRY
WAS SPLIT BECAUSE OF INFORMATION DEIRIA HAD SUPPLIED
LORD MACMILLAN IS NOT AMONG THE L-
ALWAYS.
Ehm
LIZA ?
HE...
MY FATHER,
THIS COUNTRY
DRIP
ALWAYS,
Kyuu
ALWAYS

ALWAYS
AND ME?
DOES HE HATE US?
THE MORE FRIGHTENING IT GETS TO ASK.
NOT KNOWING ANYTHING.
AND THE MORE TIME PASSES
IT'S STRANGE HOW I TOLD YOU SUCH A THING.
SNIFF
ESPECIALLY SINCE I CAN'T DO ANYTHING ANYMORE.

GRAB
LET'S GO TO DEIRIA!
THEN LET'S CHECK
YOU CANNOT STOP HERE
WELL, EHM, IT'S NOT THAT I HAVE SOME GOOD IDEA, THOUGH
I'M THE SAME,
UNABLE TO STEP INTO SOMEONE ELSE'S PRIVATE THOUGHTS
BUT
THERE'S CERTAINLY SOMETHING WE CAN DO

WE MUST DO SOME-THING!!
I DON'T KNOW IF
WE CAN DO ANYTHING, BUT
WE HAVE TO MOVE ON AHEAD.

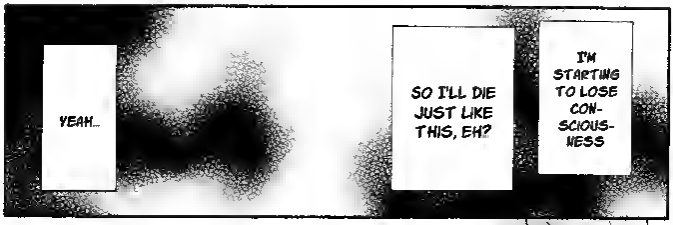
HEY...
SLOPPY
AGRH, ENOUGH! I'M NOT TAKING YOU WITH US!
BWAH
GLOMP
UKII-IIIIIIII!
COME TO THINK OF IT, I DON'T KNOW YOUR NAME


STEP
flicker flicker
STEP
STEP
STEP
CREAK
CREAK

LORD MACMIL-LAN?
HOW DO YOU DO,
SHE'S PROB-ABLY WORRIED ABOUT YOUR SAFETY
SHE'S REALLY SO KIND
LOOKS LIKE LADY LIZA RESIDES IN ORPHES EVEN NOW
CLACK
PULL
AND REALLY SO RI-DICU-LOUS
hmh
WHO'D HAVE THOU GHT
THE DOG I FED AND RAISED WITH MY OWN HAND WILL TURN TO BITE IT?

NICOLAS?
RIGHT,
CLINK
I'M RETURNING TO YOU MY PROOF OF LOYALTY

EXTRA
UGH..
GAH..
PUKE
COUGH
COUGH
COUGH
COUGH
COUGH
SHIT! THEY BETRAYED ME AGAIN! SPLITTING EQUALLY THE STOLEN MONEY, MY ASS, DAMN YOU ALL!!
HUFF
HUFF
DAMN, I'M GROWING WEAKER..
MY SHOULDER HURTS AND MY RIB CAGE IS DONE FOR.
sigh
THUD
THUD



YEAH, WE WON, WE WON!
I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU ARE SO GREAT AT CARDS, BOSS!
I THOUGHT YOU COULDN'T KEEP A POKER-FACE FOR THE LIFE OF YOU!
Hey, hey!
EVEN I CAN DO THAT MUCH...

MAYBE

THIS WAY

IS BEST.

EXTRA / THE END